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The duration of the course is 18 months institutional training followed by six months in plant training.

(c) The following similar institutions are in existence in this State :—

1. Government Industrial Training Institute, Cuddalore.
2. Do. do. Nagapattinam.
3. Do. do. Virudhunagar.
4. Do. do. Palayamkottai.
5. Industrial Training Centre attached to the Strathie Co-operative Engineering Workshops, Madras.
6. Industrial Training Centre attached to the Andhra Mahila Sabha, Madras.
7. Industrial Training Centre attached to the Pioneer Motor Service, Nagercoil.
8. Government Industrial Training Centre attached to the Tamilnad Polytechnic, Madurai.
9. Government Industrial Training Centre attached to the Government Polytechnic, Coimbatore.
10. Industrial School Section attached to the Government Central Polytechnic, Madras.
11. Industrial School Section attached to the Government Tamilnad Polytechnic, Madurai.
12. Industrial School Section attached to the Government Polytechnic, Coimbatore.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 365 asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th March 1958, page 169 supra.]

(a) The following is the list of Minor Ports in this State :—

South Arcot district—

1. Cuddalore.
2. Porto Novo.

Tanjore district—

3. Nagapattinam.
4. Tnopputhurai (not working).
5. Point Calimére (not working).
6. Adirampattinam.

Ramanathapuram district—

7. Tondi.
8. Pamban.
9. Rameswaram (not working).
10. Vedalai (not working).
11. Dhanushkodi.
12. Kilakarai.
13. Maraiyur (not working—under Tuticorin).

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Tirunelveli district—

- 14. Vambar (not working—under Tuticorin).
- 15. Vaipur (not working—under Tuticorin).
- 16. Tuticorin (Port Trust).
- 17. Kulasekharapattinam.

Kanyakumari district—

- 18. Colachel.
- 19. Kovalam.
- 20. Manakudy.

(b) Rs. 6,71,673.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) *Nagapattinam Port*.—(1) Provision of pier with mobile sand pump for entrance channel—estimated cost Rs. 7 lakhs.

(2) Acquisition of two mobile cranes for handling steel billets Rs. 80,000.

Cuddalore Port.—(1) Provision of groynes and pier with mobile sand pump—Estimated cost Rs. 15,00,000.

(2) Provision of 2-ton electric crane.

(3) Providing revetment round the spoil island.

(4) Water-supply to ships.

Pamban Port.—Dredging a sand bank channel at Pamban Port—Estimated cost Rs. 2,81,000.

Tuticorin Port.—Development of the port into a 20 feet harbour is under consideration. Results of experimental borings are awaited.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 375 asked by Sri N. K. Palani-sami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th March 1958, page 181 supra.]

The total forest area in Madras State before the reorganization of States, i.e., before 1st November 1956, was 5,650,842 acres (8,829.44 square miles). The present area of forests in this State is 5,269,547 acres (8,233.66 square miles). Steps are being taken to increase the forest wealth by following a policy of conserving, improving and increasing the existing area under forests. The Second Five-Year Plan schemes of the Forest department all aim at the improvement of forest wealth.